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New U.S. Patent Application

Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR INVITING AND CREATING ACCOUNTS FOR  
PROSPECTIVE USERS OF AN INSTANT MESSAGING SYSTEM

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 28 pages, including 4 independent claims and 22 claims total.
2. Drawings - 4 sheets of informal drawings containing 5 figures.
3. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$710	\$ 710.00
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Total Claims	22	-	20	2	x \$18	36.00
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\$116.00 additional claims fee.

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

Applicants claim the right to priority based on International Application No. PCT/SG00/00070, filed May 12, 2000 and the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/203,928, filed May 12, 2000.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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